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# Crossroads utilizes College facilities

BY FRAN GIGLIOTTI

Five young men, new residents of Doyle Hall, are embarking upon a new venture—both for them and the college.

The five—Joe Binz, Mark Haun, Charles Johnson, Randy Moore and James Stanton—were selected from among many applicants by Crossroads Rehabilitation Center to participate in a unique computer programming course.

All have varied physical handicaps and are confined to wheelchairs. Alterations have been made to Doyle Hall entrances and bathrooms to accommodate the students. A ramp has also been added to the Clare Hall entrance to allow easier access to the cafeteria.

Transportation is provided daily for the five between Marian and Crossroads by special Metro coaches or vans with mechanical lifts.

**PURPOSE OF THE** program there is to prepare the men, who range in age from 19 to 23, for eventual employment and independent living. The classes in computer programming are compressed into a concentrated course of 10 months.

Dan Stockwell, resident director at Doyle, is pleased with the success of the program. Marian represents the intermediate step of progress, he said, allowing the participant to be away from an institution, continuing to receive staff nursing care while developing a greater degree of independence.

An opportunity presently exists for Marian students to gain valuable experience of working with the handicapped. Crossroads is seeking students to devote some time and attention each morning and evening with their students, and will provide compensation.

**THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR** Marian has been involved with this program. It was approached by Crossroads

because of its "ideal" location, easily accessible to the Center, as well as having a physical arrangement adaptable to meet the needs of these men.

Crossroads attempts to prepare these individuals to decrease their dependency on others in the daily

activities of personal care and to develop them for normal functioning in the work environment.

To a degree, the future success of the program depends upon the support, enthusiasm and cooperation of the Marian College community.

## Marian's enrollment climbs

BY SHIRLEY GRINER

Has anyone noticed how crowded the cafeteria seems to be this year? or the long lines for showers in the mornings? If it appears that the enrollment at Marian College is on the rise, that is because it is!

While the national average of college enrollment has decreased by 4% this year, the enrollment at Marian College is booming, showing an increase of 17% this year. This is the highest percent increase since 1971.

The total enrollment at Marian College this year is 880, which is almost 100 more than last year. This figure includes 500 full-time students and 380 part-time students. Of the 880 students at Marian, 302 of them

reside on campus. The dorms are full, especially in Clare Hall, since there are 195 women living on campus, as opposed to only 107 men. Doyle Hall has an additional 85 ELS or IUPUI students in residence.

Also, not counted in the total enrollment of the school are the ELS students, whose number fluctuates during the year. The number of ELS students vary anywhere from 70 to 130 each month.

Although there has been a decrease in college enrollment around the nation, it seems as though Marian College is on an upward trend. Who can say if the rise in school enrollment will continue to increase. But for now, it is evident that Marian College is growing rapidly.



JILL ORTMAN, RIGHT, TALKS ABOUT BLOOD, THE "GIFT OF LIFE"



# RELIGIOUS JUBILEES CELEBRATED BY TWO

BY NEEL EMMANUEL

Two members of the Marian College history faculty are proudly celebrating religious milestones this year. Sister Sue Bradshaw and Sister Rachel West are observing 25 years as Sisters of St. Francis.

A member of the faculty since 1970, Sister Rachel teaches political science and American history. Sr. Sue, who joined the faculty in 1974, teaches Asian history and serves as campus minister.

Both entered the Franciscan Convent in 1954; Sr. Rachel having completed her undergraduate studies at Marian, while Sr. Sue attended St. Mary-of-the-Woods College for three semesters.

For the next several years their paths parted, to be rejoined later at their alma mater after experiencing the classroom in elementary and secondary schools and pursuing graduate studies.

Sr. Rachel obtained her master's degree in American history from Indiana University in 1967 after several summers' work. For the next three years she worked full-time at I.U. on her doctorate as a respected Lilly Scholar. Her thesis entitled "The Department of State on the Eve of World War I" was later published by the University of Georgia Press.

Sr. Sue earned her master's degree in American history at Xavier University in Cincinnati after part-time studies. She then pursued full-time doctoral studies in Asian and European history at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

She is active in many professional and religious organizations, including: American Historical Association, Association of Asian Studies, Catholic Historical Association, Metropolitan Indianapolis Campus Ministry, of which she was president in 1976. Presently, she is president of the



SR. SUE



SR. RACHEL

Association for Religious of the Indianapolis Archdiocese.

Sr. Rachel holds professional membership in the American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, National Council of Social Studies and is the State Coordinator for NETWORK (Catholic lobby for just legislation).

In a recent interview with the Sister-Jubilarians the following responses were made:

*How is convent life different today than when you entered 25 years ago?*

"Each half was good, each half was different," observed Sr. Sue. "I would not like to turn the clock to pre-Vatican Council days. Now you work more with people. I enjoy the close social interaction and have received a lot from the people."

Sr. Rachel also feels that she wouldn't want to go back to the pre-Vatican era, but she observed: "I am grateful for the pre-Vatican days because I think it was enriching. Today, our age group is in a better position to understand both the 'old' and the 'young'."

*Was it difficult to switch over?*

"Yes," said Sr. Rachel. "Not because of the resistance to change, but because of the turmoil that was associated with it, especially in the 60s. At this time we were away from our community attending grad school and were very much exposed to the changes in the Church."

*How do you view the family against this Vatican II backdrop?*

"Very challenging," according to the Jubilarians. "Things are different and difficult in the ways of bringing up a family. The society does not support family values and it's definitely difficult to be a parent today."

Sr. Sue commented that 1980 will be declared the "Year of the Family" and a lot of talking and planning are underway as to how the laity and Religious could help today's family. This will be the main topic of discussion during the Synod of Bishops' meeting next year, she indicated.

Sr. Rachel commented that "Religious can help by giving witness to Christian values, especially Christian charity in our own communities and in our commitments to Church and Christ."

*How are the vocations in your community today?*

"When we went in there were 33 in our group," recalled Sr. Sue. "Today it averages about seven, but next year we are expecting 10. This would be very good."

Sr. Rachel believes the number is dwindling because people are afraid to make any type of commitment for anything. There are also many opportunities open today for both men and women, especially in service-oriented organizations like the Peace Corps or VISTA.

*What are your views on women priests?*

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# A gentle man of faith and dedication

BY BETH WATHEN

The Marian College Community lost a valuable member two days before the opening of the fall semester with the sudden death of Dr. Nicholas A. Purichia, associate professor of biology.

He died of a heart attack August 24 at the age of 37. The opening of fall classes was delayed one day so that administrators, faculty, staff and students could attend the funeral, held August 28 in nearby St. Michael's Catholic Church.

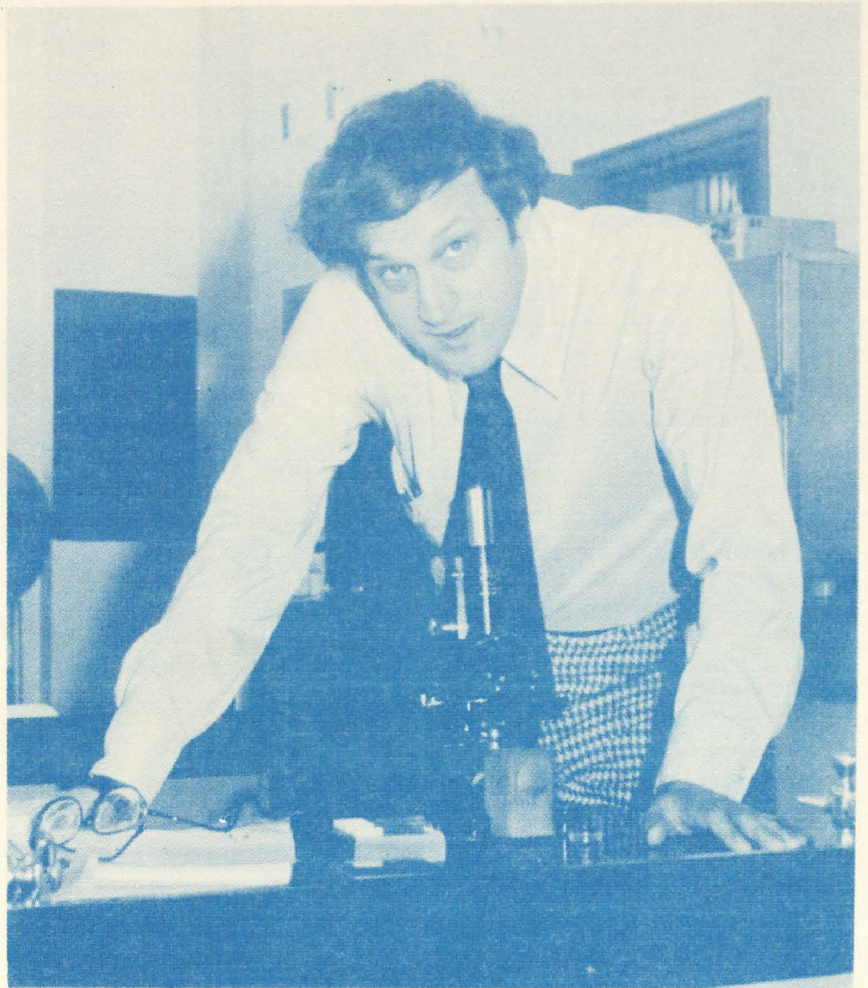
Dr. Purichia, who joined the Marian faculty in 1966, is survived by his son, Mark, his parents, six brothers and two sisters. His wife, Elaine Romer Purichia, died in 1973.

**A SPECIAL** all-school convocation was held October 11 in the Library Auditorium, featuring Dr. Lawrence Erway in a memorial tribute to Dr. Purichia. Dr. Erway, professor of developmental biology at the University of Cincinnati, spoke on the topic "The Student, the Researcher." He was Dr. Purichia's major advisor in his doctoral studies.

An Indianapolis native, Dr. Purichia held degrees from Indiana State University, Miami (O.) University and the University of Cincinnati. He worked as a teaching and research assistant at the latter institution from 1968 to 1972, publishing along with his major two papers concerning the development of the inner ear in mice.

Dr. Purichia was involved in numerous civic, parish and professional activities, including: Indianapolis Zoological Society, American Institute of Biological Sciences, Indiana Academy of Sciences, Indiana College Biological Teachers Association, Committee of the Pro-Life Organization, Knights of Columbus, Little League and CYO coaching.

At Marian, Dr. Purichia was a quiet man, but well respected by his professional colleagues and students for his expertise, patience and dedication in the classroom.



DR. NICHOLAS A. PURICHIA

"I never heard any complaints about him from students," reflected Sr. Marie Bernard Witte, chairman of the biology department. "He went beyond the book, and was interested in getting students to read and understand scientific literature. And he always was concerned that Marian was a *Catholic* college," she said.

**ADDITIONALLY**, Dr. Purichia had an interest in the field of bioethics, and occasionally gave talks in Fr. Frank Bryan's Christian Morality classes about this contemporary topic. Bioethics concerns such moral issues as abortion, cloning and test tube babies. He was particularly interested in having a class in bioethics offered at Marian, especially for nursing, pre-med and science majors.

In the two months since his death, several events have been initiated in Dr. Purichia's memory. The Nicholas and Elaine Purichia Memorial Scholarship has been established and an annual lecture series on bioethics is planned. A fund-raising effort is currently underway to finance the lecture series and scholarship, organized by Sr. Marie Bernard, Fr. Bryan and Mary Ann Lewis, director of nursing.

"We are just trying to continue something that Dr. Purichia was so interested in," stated Sr. Marie Bernard. "I think this will be a good thing and beneficial for everybody."

Following are several comments of tribute to Dr. Purichia from members of the Marian Community:



## TRIBUTES:

"Marian College was privileged to have enjoyed Dr. Purichia's association. He was the type of individual who can never really be replaced. A void will always remain. For having had the rich experience of his presence, all of us at Marian will be forever grateful."

—PRESIDENT LOUIS C. GATTO

"Dr. Purichia made an important contribution to the Pro-Life movement. In addition to being a person of faith, he also brought to the discussion of life issues the reasoned approach of a scientist."

—FR. FRANK BRYAN

"I miss him in more ways than one. It was just having him around, just being there . . . quiet . . . thinking."

—SR. MARIE BERNARD WITTE

"My feelings for Nick were always very warm and I always deeply appreciated the time and effort that he put into his classes trying to teach his students, and motivate them to achieve their potential . . . I have had a lot of teachers in my life in the course of my studies and I would have to rank Nick as one of the best."

—MICHAEL J. DEAL, M.D. '69

"My experience with Dr. Purichia was that he was a very intelligent,

sensitive man. He knew his biology, but he didn't stop there. Dr. Purichia took the extra step. He reached out to the students, talked to us, joked with us, and just plain cared for us. He really showed an interest in each one of us. He will be missed."

—SR. MARY JEAN RIESTERER

"Not being scientifically-oriented personally, I found my year as his student surprisingly educational. He seemed to inspire in his students a certain curiosity about the subject matter. As a teacher, I believe that his gift for patience was nearly his greatest asset—second only to his genuine concern for each student. I think it was this rare blend of strength and gentleness that attracted so many of us to him."

—BARBARA KNARR '80

## Services held for Sr. Mary Jane Peine

Sr. Mary Jane Peine, a continuous link to the inaugural year of Marian College in Indianapolis, was laid to rest Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Oldenburg motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis.

The venerable octogenarian, whose teaching career at Marian extended from 1938 to 1973, died October 10 in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, after a few days' illness.

Known only to present students as the "elegant lady" who looked after the Allison Mansion, she was remembered by those who lived with and associated with her over the years as artist, teacher, play director, confidant, and friend.

In recognition of her 25 years as director of plays and musicals, Sr. Mary Jane was honored in 1976 with the dedication of the experimental theatre facility in the Students Activity Center.

The College has established the Sister Mary Jane Scholarship Fund in her honor.





# New security system serves campus

BY LYNN MCGUGAN

It's 2:30 in the morning, when suddenly you're awakened by the loud monotone sound of the fire alarm. Half-hazardly you make your way down three flights of stairs and out of the building.

Several minutes pass and you're directed back to the building by a security officer. After you're safe and snug in your warm bed the outside doors are locked and the security officer makes his rounds once more.

That fire alarm occurs only once a month, but the security officer is there every night for your protection. On August 31, the Continental Security, Inc., began its service for Marian College.

The primary goal of the security is to be of "service" to the students. The officers wish to be friendly and have good rapport with the students. Their job consists of raising and lowering the flag, turning off lights and locking doors. They patrol the campus, paying special attention to the parking lots.

**EACH NIGHT**, as they proceed through the duties, a report is made. If any extraordinary events take place, a separate report must also be written.

In case of an emergency, Continental Security will send additional people for help. Also, the police and fire departments can be quickly contacted.

In addition to those duties, the security guards have the authority to write tickets and arrest. If a student is found breaking a rule, the student will be asked to show identification. If no ID is available, the officer will request the student's name and record it in the daily report.

**DURING PREVIOUS** years Marian had a security system, consisting of three men, one per shift. The present system always has one person on patrol with two or three other officers—trainees or supervisors—on campus. Additionally, two cars are constantly patrolling the grounds.

The present system seems more efficient. One student commented: "You see them around . . . people respect them more."

There are several ways in which students can help in the total campus security. According to Kim LeSage, Clare Hall director, the following suggestions are practical: not parking in unauthorized zones, report unlocked doors, shut lights off and not propping open outside doors for their "friends" after the buildings have been secured for the night.

If anyone needs to reach a security officer in time of emergency, contact a resident assistant, a hall director or call the campus switchboard operator.

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"There is nothing theologically barring them," the Sisters said. "But only tradition says no." Sr. Rachel observed that there are some theologians who agree that tradition is real and true. Rather than a conflict between theology and tradition, they believe that "people simply are not ready yet."

"It's a matter of time," said Sr. Sue, "but it will come. Maybe we will not be here to see it, but it will come."

*Do you think marriage should be made optional for the clergy?*

"I think so," replied Sr. Sue. "I think it will come before the ordination of women as priests," stated Sr. Rachel.

*What about the changing of habits?*

"We think it's good. This way we can mingle more with the crowd and be one."

Regarding the question of "example setting" by the wearing of distinctive habits, they commented: "It depends on the people you are moving with. Some are attracted to and others are driven away from it. Either way you go, you win some and you lose some."

## Effort begins for conservation

BY NANCY SMITH

"Despite the fact that we are having an energy crunch, many people are still not energy conscious," commented Business Manager L. W. Wagner in a recent interview for *The Phoenix*.

In an effort to view energy problems and to propose conservation methods, a committee has been formed from the Marian community.

The Energy Conservation Committee consists of students (Leslie Coots, Greg Hortemiller), faculty/staff (Dr. Mike Eoff, Sr. Therese Wente, Dr. Edward Kelley), administrators (Kim LeSage, Dan Stockwell).

An effort has already been made to conserve energy on campus, according to Col. Wagner. The Doyle Hall lobby, Marian Hall and Allison Mansion will soon have pre-set controls installed, dropping off heat at night.

**ANOTHER EXAMPLE** of conservation is evident in the library, which is

connected to the Honeywell "Boss" System. It is a computer-monitored system that allows the flow of air at different times and not concentrated in one particular area. The computer center is located in downtown Indianapolis.

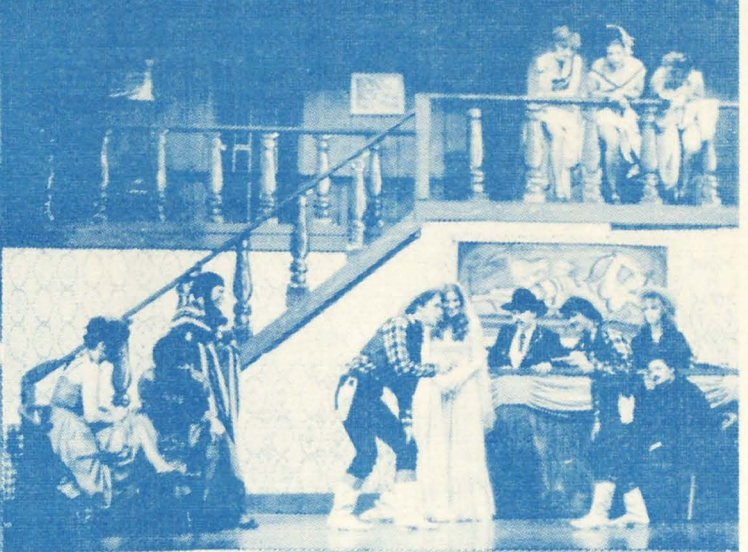
Formerly the cost of energy in the library was \$5,000 per month. It has now been reduced to \$2,000 monthly.

**"NATURAL GAS** will be a tremendous saving," said Col. Wagner. He is hopeful that one of the three boilers in Clare Hall can be converted to natural gas (from oil) by November.

He expressed the fact that waste can add to the cost of students' tuition. Faculty and students can help in small ways by turning out lights that aren't being used and by using designated study rooms.

"Together," he said, "we can hold down the costs of fuel and conserve our natural resources."







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